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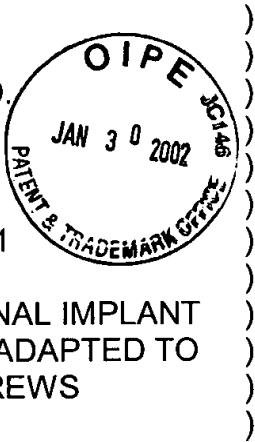
In re Application of:

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For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT  
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO  
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS  
(as amended)



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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please rewrite the title (with the changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

--INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO

RECEIVE BONE SCREWS--.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

--119. The implant of claim 1, further in combination with a fusion promoting substance.

120. The implant of claim 119, wherein said fusion promoting substance is bone morphogenetic protein.

121. The implant of claim 119, wherein said fusion promoting substance includes